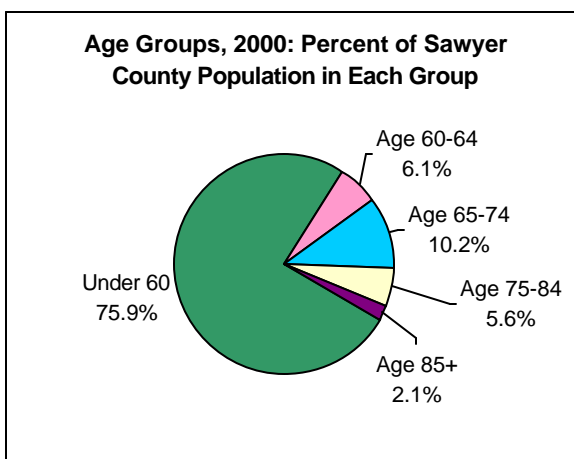

Sawyer County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Sawyer County is higher than that of the state as a whole (17.9% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower in this county than in the state as a whole (6.1% versus 7.9%). In all, 2,904 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 341 of these are age 85 or older. Sawyer County's average (or median) age is 42.1 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Sawyer County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	16,196		14,181		2,015	14.2%
Persons 60 and over	3,900	24.1%	3,614	25.5%	286	7.9%
Persons 65 and over	2,904	17.9%	2,738	19.3%	166	6.1%
Persons 85 and over	341	2.1%	235	1.7%	106	45.1%



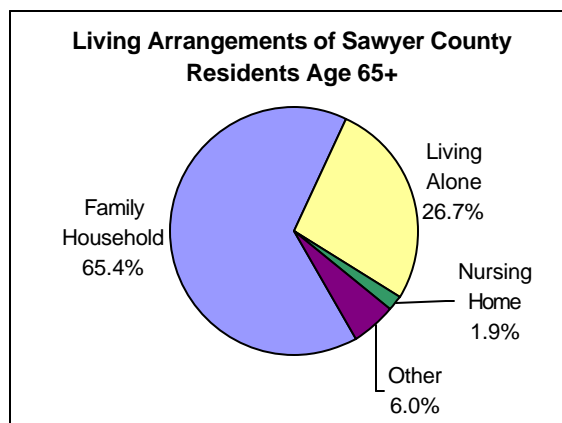
Race:

A large majority (92.9%) of Sawyer County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Sawyer County African Americans have a median age of 27.4 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 18.8 years. Whites, in contrast, average 45.2 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 6,640 households in Sawyer County, 2,011 include at least one person age 65 or older (30.3% of all households). A total of 1,881 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 80.9% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (65.4%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 26.7% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.6% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 56 people age 65 and older live in Sawyer County nursing homes (1.9% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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